

NEW YORKISMS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New York, Jan. 4, 1869. In a financial point of view, the month that is just over is almost parallel with the corresponding month of 1867—the number of suspensions being a little in excess. The number of failures in the city is estimated at 24; that of the country at large at 4450, or about eighteen times as great. If what the political economists of Bohemia say be true, the poor and rich alike have encouragement for the present year. It is well that some one should always be pointing out to somebody else what he has to be thankful for. The rich may go down on their marrowbones, in that an advance in commercial values may be anticipated; the poor may throw up their hats in the knowledge that grocers and provision dealers will ere long be compelled to abate their prices.

The World is progressing in its ANTI-ADULTERATIVE WORK.

The editor of that journal never eats anything at all. Manton Marble subsists entirely on metaphysics and alliteration, and every man connected with the establishment has joined a milk-diet association which keeps its own cows. The employees of the Astor House and of the World newspaper are on the most cordial terms. The World's latest and most gigantic discovery in behalf of this sinless and adulterative generation is in regard to the Acaerus Sacchari, a malevolent insect which infests unrefined sugar and is the originator of that lively disease known as the "Grocer's Lich." In every pound of unrefined sugar about 100,000 of these insects are supposed to reside. In exposing these realities the World blasts one's belief in the beautiful. Henceforth every man, woman, and child is only an accumulation of mouldy sea biscuit, chickory, turneric, benzine, "mild dings," and so forth, mixed in different proportions. The good levers are no better off than the bad, for variety of victuals only introduces variety of poison. If we except the "John Allen Sensation," nothing like the World's Anti-Adulterative Sensation has been created in this city before.

THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE is becoming acclimated to the public mind. Already it is one of several. We lean the years and span East river with half-a-dozen passageways. The tunnel has ceased to be talked of. New York and Brooklyn are to become one, with one Mayor and one interest. The bridges' points of junction are the intersection of Chastan and Centre streets in this city, and of Main and Fulton streets in Brooklyn. The ferries are already looked upon as but a time-honored nuisance. They are all but spoken of as inventions of the past—as an antediluvian evil, despised by modern enterprise.

THE SKATING RINKS have been largely visited during the past week. The new Empire Skating Rink, built on a mammoth scale, is the one most patronized. I have already mentioned its dimensions and the almost blinding brilliancy which results at night from its 700 gas jets. The great feature of the season, hitherto, was the prize race for boys on Saturday mornings—the first of a series of Saturday prize races—when adolescent boys skaterially inclined, are presumed to be free from imprisonment under desks, birch and blackboards. The first race was for boys under twelve, the second for those between twelve and sixteen, the highest prize of the first being \$5 and of the second \$8.

Roller-skating is also very fashionable this year, though a lady or gentleman may be an accomplished roller-skater, and a dead failure on ice. There are two public rinks in this city devoted exclusively to roller-skating. These are the Citizens' Skating Association, at the Harvard Rooms, at the intersection of Forty-second street and Sixth avenue, and the New York Skating Association, at Plympton's Building, at the corner of Stuyvesant and Ninth streets.

SNOW-STORM AND HORSE-FLESH like youth and crabbed age, cannot live together. At least they find it very hard work. If there is a horse-heaven, Mr. Bergh will be its tutelary saint. During the past seven days he has himself been working almost as hard as the agonized "cattle" which he befriends. This year, however, he has improved on his system. He makes fewer arrests, relies less upon the precarious justice of police courts, and detains detectives at the termini of the various routes, who see that every team is doubled as long as the streets remain in their present condition. Conductors and drivers are not always, perhaps not generally, the first to abuse him. Passengers and horse-car proprietors have the largest fund of explosives stored away and kept in waiting for him.

THE TRAGIC FATE of Mr. Rogers, the old gentleman who was stabbed the other day while sweeping his pavement at seven o'clock in the morning, is pointing a moral to nervous heads of families. "I think Mary (the servant) must be stabbed," was the remark I heard one of these make to another, yesterday, at breakfast. "Why, my dear!" asked materfamilias, looking up from the coffee-tray in sudden terror. "Why, the last I saw of her, half-an-hour ago, she was sweeping down the front-door steps."

Mr. Rogers died on Saturday. A reward of \$500 has been offered by the police authorities for the arrest of the murderer. On dit that the police authorities know who it is. If so, why do they not arrest him? and why do they offer \$500? My own impression is that they know little and do less. The only clue is a torn envelope, marked with "James Logan, N. Y. City, this will be handed you by Tom."

THE FIFTH WARD POLICE, are the most demoralized in the city. The artistic perfection with which they are in the habit of clubbing delinquents hat dead is gradually being brought to light. Their latest exploits in this direction have been on the body of a Dr. Augustus Diecks, who, with his leg broken just above the ankle, was picked up insensible in West Broadway. In this condition a police brute named Jacobus took him to the station house, where another police brute named Christie ordered him to be locked up. For eight hours he remained imprisoned in helpless agony, when the magistrate before whom he was brought sent him home in a carriage, and reprimanded the policemen!

An investigation of the New York STATE INEBRIATE ASYLUM at Binghamton is earnestly called for by Mr. J. Edward Turner, of this city. The gentleman insists that the article lately published by Mr. Parton in the Atlantic Monthly, entitled "A Visit to an Inebriate Asylum," reflects seriously on the integrity of his deceased friend, and begs

Governor Hoffman's attention to the perjury which he (Mr. Turner) says is contained in the contradictory affidavits of Dr. Willard Parker, the present President of that Asylum.

"GUNNY" BEDFORD, the newly-elected City Judge, will take the bench this morning, and sit during the January term, holding court in the rooms of the Supreme Court, General Term, until the alterations in the Sessions Chamber are completed.

GRAU AND BATHMAN are fighting out the season on a zigzag line, with varying success. Bateman produces La Perichote this evening; Grau, D'OSI Crece on Thursday. The name of Tosice is heard no more. That "severe fall" has snatched her away, like a leaf borne down by the storm, and the advertisements complacently state that Irma is the first of vocalists upon the French stage. Lambelle occasionally attempts the "Duchess," but that is not Tosice.

Kelly & Zeon have shook the world of New York minstrelsy to its foundation by the announcement that they are going to Europe.

LA COTERIE grand fancy dress hop is announced for Wednesday evening week at the Academy of Music. It is gotten up by the gentlemen connected with the offices of the Astor House, St. Nicholas, Fifth Avenue, Hoffman, and Coleman House. The decorations are going to be crush of singing birds, perfumed fountains, chandeliers, fancy gas jets, bouquets, wreaths and floral emblems. It will probably be the ball of the period, and I may confidently predict that every irresistible variety of the Girl of the Period will be present.

Messrs. Abel and Bissley are lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death let us hope they may not be divided. ALI BABA.

HARRISBURG.

John Clark Speaker of the House. The Harrisburg State Guard of last evening says:—

By reference to the proceedings of the informal caucus of the Republican members of the House of Representatives, held at the Locust Hotel on Saturday, it will be seen that the Hon. John Clark, of Holmesburg, the Representative from the Seventh Congressional District of Philadelphia, has already received the nomination for the Speakership of the House.

The choice of our Republican friends of the House for their chief presiding officer could not have fallen upon a gentleman better qualified in head and heart, or who is more entitled by his past record to fill this important and honorable position. His election in a House embracing sixty-one Republicans is of course, beyond a doubt, and we are highly gratified at this most desirable and patriotic selection.

John Clark is now forty-seven years old, tempered and seasoned by actual contact with the business world from early manhood. He was born in the old city of Philadelphia, on the fifteenth day of November, 1821. His education was everything the public schools of the city could afford—nothing more, nothing less, except that gained in intercourse with the practical world. For many years his business avocation was that of a contractor on the great public works of the country. In this capacity he was employed on the Pennsylvania Central and North Pennsylvania Railroads. He was also engaged on the great water works of New York and Boston. In 1861 he was elected a member of the Philadelphia City Council from the Twenty-first ward, before commencing his term, the infamous Rebellion of the slaveholders of the South having been inaugurated, he left his seat in the City Council and took up his sword in the defence of his country. Leaving the 33rd Regiment of the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps, he served faithfully and gallantly as captain in Company D, during the "four days' fight" on the Peninsula he was promoted to the Lieutenant Colonelcy of his regiment by General McClellan for brave and meritorious conduct. He served the full term of three years, with an excellent record as a soldier. In the fall of 1867 he was first elected to the House of Representatives from the district which he now represents.

In his personal intercourse Mr. Clark is a mild, courteous, and agreeable gentleman; in official relations he is firm, but never in any other than a plain, outspoken, honorable man. His selection under the circumstances is the more pleasing, both to him and to the public, from the fact that he never sought the office to which he is elected. He has not pledged himself to any, even the usual appliances of the political arena. He has not pledged himself for a single office within his gift, and therefore need not fear offending parties claiming promises made and unfulfilled. Mr. Strang, who it was thought would make a sturdy fight with the sagacity and good nature which characterize him gracefully yielded to his opponent without a struggle on his arrival here. A brief survey of the field of action, and this to the disappointment of his warmest friends, who urged him to take a decided stand in his own behalf. Mr. Strang declared he would just as soon see his friend Clark elected as himself. Mr. Clark's direction of the Speakership of the House can hardly fail to be a success.

A STRANGE CASE.

A Murder without any Motive. A murder trial in England has recently illustrated, in a very shocking manner, the liability of jurors to convict innocent men, even of capital crime. In August last, a laborer named Cornish was found murdered in a field near the city of Wells. In Somersetshire, his head beaten to pieces with a stone, and a man named Bigrove kneeling beside him. The story told by this person on his arrest was, that being drunk the night before and finding Cornish asleep in a field, he had gone to sleep by his side, and on waking had seen a tall man in the act of committing the murder. It was asserted that the man who had committed the murder, and his mistress, a woman called Drew, had been in company with both Bigrove and Cornish, up to very near the time of the murder. Both were arrested. The woman being called as a witness for the Crown, testified that she had quarrelled with Sweet, had gone with Bigrove into the field, and left him there to go to bed. Sweet, and Cornish, and the man who had committed the murder, were all arrested. The jury evidently believed that the quarrel had occurred between the two prisoners and the murdered man, and had been provoked by jealousy. Sweet and Bigrove were both found guilty; but no sooner had they been remanded to all than Bigrove made a confession, entirely in accordance with the evidence, and declared that the murderer had gone to sleep by his victim's side. "When I waked up," said he, "I was going away, but something seemed to tell me I must rescue the man, and then I went over to the river and found the stone and brought it over on my head, and I threw it down on the man's head, and he was killed. What else do I can think. It was not for money. I had no thought of money."

Now the conviction of Sweet on a charge of which he was entirely innocent, and which he was cleared with the mistakes of circumstantial evidence, for it does not appear that there was any circumstantial evidence against him at all, except the bare fact that he was in company with the deceased a little while before the deed must have been committed. He seems to have been a very honest man, and the jury wanted to find a motive for the deed, and could not find one without dragging him in. They made up their theory of the murder, and not being able to act it out with a single culprit, they had to secure a second one. Fortunately the poor man's innocence is made clear before the time has come to hang him.—N. Y. Tribune.

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GENERAL GRANT, who is now in town, is the subject for gossip in every circle. The Herald's special correspondent declares the General as drawn on Greeley, and the Tribune's man tenaciously holds to the contrary, and between the two the people can only conjecture for themselves as to the status of H. G. in the opinion of the President elect. All this time ALGER, the redoubtable coal man, who is stationed at No. 107 N. Ninth street, is constantly before the minds of the people, for he sells coal as good and at rates so moderate, that they cannot forget him at all.

It is too much the custom of our insurance agents to attempt to advance the interests of their own companies by slandering and falsifying other similar institutions. This is always a confession of weakness. A company of real merit can rely upon the intelligence of the public to appreciate the advantages it offers, and will never feel the necessity of pulling others down in order to raise itself such a company as the American of Philadelphia. It only asks to be heard, and is confident of the approval and patronage of all who will candidly consider its claims.

FINE FRENCH CALF BOOTS AND GAITERS.—The man who has never experienced the pleasure of wearing a pair of boots made by William H. Helweg, is to some extent an object of commiseration. We speak knowingly, having worn Helweg's boots for years. Their comfort, however, is not their only recommendation, as they are made of the best material and in the very best manner. Helweg will not employ an incompetent workman; therefore his work is always first-class. His store and factory is at No. 138 Arch Street, next to the corner of Sixth.

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MARRIED.

BALL-STEEL.—At the Roxborough Presbyterian Parsonage, on Thursday evening, December 31, 1868, by the Rev. C. H. Fowler, AMOS H. HALL, of this city, and MARY ANN, only daughter of Charles Steel, Esq., of Roxborough.

RENDELL-SMITH.—On New Year's Eve, by Rev. George Brigham, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. GEORGE RENDELL, to Miss ANNIE E., daughter of the late Robert Smith, all of this city.

DIED.

CASTOR.—On the 4th instant, MARY ELLEN, adopted daughter of Thomas and Sarah Castor, in the 23d year of her age.

ROBERT.—On the 4th instant, Mrs. MARTHA H. BIGGEE, daughter of Mary and the late Robert Lynn, in the 56th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her parents' residence, No. 3721 Frankfort street, Frankford, on Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. To proceed to Cedar Hill Cemetery.

SWOPE.—On the 4th instant, LINFORD, son of Enoch A. and Mary Swope, aged 21 years and 10 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his parents, No. 415 1/2 Paul street, Frankford, on Wednesday morning, the 6th instant, at 10 o'clock. To proceed to Cedar Hill Cemetery.

WILLIAMS.—On the morning of the 4th instant, WILLIAM WILLIAMS, in the 24th year of his age.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Thursday at 2 o'clock, from his wife's residence, Linden street, below Third, Camden, N. J.

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AMUSEMENTS.

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COMO ENGLISH OPERA COMPANY. First night of "Cunibach" comic opera, and A PAIR OF PIGGONS, and TOMORROW—BENEVOLENT OF J. O'BROGANY, '29' AND 'AN OLD LOVE'.

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